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1. AS WE REPORTED IN BANGUI REFTTEL, THE BLOOM IS OFF THE ROSE OF LIBYAN-CAE RELATIONS. THE SUDANESE CHARGE IN BANGUI SHARES THIS VIEW AND BELIEVES THAT ONLY A LIMITED POTENTIAL LIBYAN THREAT TO HIS COUNTRY NOW EXISTS THROUGH THE CAE. ACCORDING TO THE CHARGE, BOKASSA HAS ASSURED THE SUDANESE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT NO ACTION AGAINST SUDAN WILL BE MOUNTED FROM THE CAE. THE SUDANESE CHARGE SAID HE HAD NO EVIDENCE OF ANY LIBYAN-SUPPORTED ANTI-SUDANESE ACTIVITY IN THE CAE.

2. THE CAE RETURNED FIVE REBELS TO SUDAN IN JUNE AND ANOTHER ONE IN AUGUST. THESE WERE FROM A GROUP OF DISSIDENT SOUTHERN MILITARY WHO NEVER HAD ANY TIES TO LIBYA, ACCORDING TO THE CHARGE. BOKASSA HAS INSTRUCTED THE CAE GOVERNMENT TO COOPERATE WITH THE SUDANESE IN TRYING TO TRACK DOWN THE RUMORED REMAINING
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MEMBERS OF THE GROUP IN THE CAE.

3. FOLLOWING THE QADDAFI VISIT, THE SUDANESE FEARED THAT LIBYA WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE CAE AS A BASE FOR ESSENTIALLY NON-SUDANESE MERCENARY ATTACKS INTO THE SUDAN. HOWEVER, THE RELATIONSHIP DID NOT SEEM TO BE DEVELOPING IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD PERMIT

SUCH ACTIVITIES, IN SPITE OF THE RECENT ARRIVAL IN BANGUI OF A
SMALL SHIPMENT OF SMALL ARMS FROM LIBYA.
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